Commissioners in action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elszasz at (440) 350-2753.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 21 at 10 a.m.

At the June 30 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.
- Resolution establishing a fund to be known as Worden Road Water Main Replacement 328W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.
- Resolution establishing a fund to be known as East 332nd, Alva, Barbara & Louis Waterline Replacement 330W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.
- Resolution establishing a fund to be known as Bellflower Area Outlet Sewer Replacement 329S with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.
- Resolution authorizing execution of a water fire suppression agreement with PF Kirtland, LLC and the Board of Lake County Commissioners.

"This involves the new (Holden) University Center that's being built by Lakeland Community College at the intersection of Kirtland Road and Route 306, which is actually in the city of Kirtland," said Commissioner Dan Troy. "The franchise service area there is Aqua Ohio, not the county. Due to pressure problems, they have asked if the county would provide the fire water lines to the new institution that will be built there."

There will be a quarterly charge for five hydrants.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant July 11, in the amount of \$114.894.81.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$62,604.86 and Child Welfare, \$52,289.95.

• Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services and County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation for employment verification services effective through June 30, 2012.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

• Resolution hiring Susan Ludwick as a part-time kennel person for the Lake County Dog Shelter, effective July 11.

Dog license fees support the shelter, so no county general funds are required.

• Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Palmer Conservation Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Due to the county HVAC system being 15 years old, the county is contracting with Palmer Conservation to produce drawings and specifications for conversion of the system from Siemens Headend to a Tridium Niagara AX "open architecture" system so the county could seek bids for the changes to the HVAC system.

· Resolution awarding a

bid contract to and authorizing execution of a contract of construction with Ohio Paving & Construction Co., Inc. for the Lake County Crime Laboratory Ada Compliance and Renovation Project for the Lake County Prosecutor's Office.

Five bids were received ranging in price from \$789,000 from Lakeland Management to a high bid of \$895,786 from Neshkin Construction.

After review of the bids, tda architecture, recommended the project be awarded to Ohio Paving and Construction whose bid was \$797,400.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,248,730.69.
- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$642,291.50.
- Resolution increasing and decreasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts.
- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

Resolution adopting the annual tax budget for the year ending Dec. 31, 2012.

DEPARTMENTAL

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Troy asked Director Matt Battiato how the new state budget will affect his operations.

"Most of our programs received a 10 percent reduction in allocations, except for child support, which received a 15 percent reduction in their allocation," Battiato said, noting some last-minute changes might actually help improve those figures.

The department is mainly reducing its budget by not replacing employees who leave for retirement or other reasons.